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SILICON CARBIDE FIBER HAVING BORON
NITRIDE LAYER IN FIBER SURFACE AND
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF
**(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation-in-Part
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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

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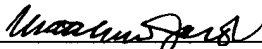
Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 307112/01, filed October 3, 2003, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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